



Marine Survey Office

Leeson Lane,

Dublin 2

8th December 2025

Subject: Request for Observations for MUL250019 Application Helvick Head Offshore Wind Designated Activity Company.

Good day,

After careful consideration, the Marine Survey Office has no objection to the site investigations proposed in the application referenced in the subject line from a navigational safety perspective.

However, the following shall be noted;

1. The Licensee shall, through consultation and agreement with the Department of Transport, Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights, arrange for the publication of a Marine Notice through the Maritime Safety Policy Division.

Where a Marine Notice is published and subsequent changes to dates, area of or schedule of works, the licensee must inform MSPD of any relevant changes allowing an updated Marine Notice to be published.

Licensee must submit MUL reference number to MSPD when requesting the publication of a Marine Notice

2. All hazards to safe navigation shall be easily identifiable to all mariners operating within or in the vicinity of the license area. The Licensee shall ensure all appropriate measures are taken for the duration of any on-site activity to ensure the safety of navigation is maintained.



3. Where deemed appropriate, the promulgation and frequency of Navtex and radio broadcast warnings shall be agreed in advance with the Irish Coast Guard for the duration of the license period.
4. All vessels engaged in the proposed Site Investigations must conform to Irish Certification standards, suitable and manned by appropriately qualified personnel. Where equipment is carried in support of the proposed activity an Irish Load line survey may be required. The applicant should contact the Marine Survey Office Dublin for clarification certification, licensing and suitability of vessels intended to be deployed.
5. In advance, and throughout the consent period the applicant shall be obliged to notify the UK Hydrographic Office (email: sdr@ukho.gov.uk) at least 14 days before commencement of the licensed activities that establishes structures, buoyage or potential hazards that may impact the safety of navigation,. The information supplied must include the start date and end date, a description of the works, positions of the work area and structures (referred to WGS84 datum), and details of any marking arrangements.

Bathymetric survey data produced during consented Site Investigations shall be provided to sdr@ukho.gov.uk and the INFOMAR program at support@geodata.gov.ie

Published Marine Notices associated with the MUL shall be provided to the UKHO within 5 days by the Licensee.

6. The licensee is made aware that two special marks are established in the proposed Site Investigation Area and is drawn to information detailed in MN 41/2025 https://assets.gov.ie/static/documents/56c4046a/202500926_41_of_2025_Fugro_Eir_Grid_Survey_Works_002.pdf.
7. The marking and lighting of any moored instruments shall be carried out in consultation with the Marine Survey Office and Commissioners of Irish Lights. Lighting and marking shall be compliant with International Association of Aids to Navigation



(IALA) requirements. Information regarding the position of any markings which create a hazard to navigation shall be promulgated to the mariner via publication of a marine notice and all available means appropriate.

- I. The Licensee shall engage directly with the Marine Survey Office with regards to proposals provided in Tonn Nua Site Investigation – Schedule of Works - 2.3.1.2 Autonomous Floating Platform.
 - II. Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships may only be operated by exception and with the consent of the Marine Survey Office in Irish Maritime Jurisdiction.
 - III. Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships deployed as an Ocean Data Acquisition System as described 2.3.1.2 raises considerable concerns relating to safety of navigation and compliance with IALA requirements.
8. Tonn Nua is situated in close proximity to established coastal shipping lanes containing vessels bound for domestic and international ports off the south coast of Ireland. Vessels engaged in proposed Site Investigations shall be cognisant of all traffic concentrations including fishing vessels and recreational craft and are reminded of their obligations under the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.
9. Tonn Nua is situated in close proximity to established shipping lanes providing access to the Ports of Waterford and New Ross and the fishery harbors of Dunmore East and Passage East. Licensee shall ensure substantive stakeholder engagement with local authorities to maintain safety of navigation.

Regards,

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